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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TRADE UNION VISIT TO U.S.

FOR ANKARA LABOR ATTACHE (INFO)

FOR MILLS AND CHERE

1. DURING VISIT IN TEHRAN OF REGIONAL LABOR ATTACHE (RLA) AINSLEY LAST JULY, MINISTRY OF LABOR'S INSTITUTE FOR LABOR AFFAIRS AND HEAD OF IRAN NOVIN PARTY'S WORKER ORGANIZATION RAISED POSSIBILITY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN LABOR FIELD BY AFL-CIO, OR ITS ASIAN AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE (AAFLI), SUCH AS IS CURRENTLY IN PROCESS IN TURKEY. THIS WAS DISCUSSED BY RLA (CURRENTLY ON CONSULTATION IN DEPARTMENT) WITH ERNEST LEE, HEAD OF AFL-CIO'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (AND GEORGE MEANY'S SON-IN-LAW) AS WELL AS WITH AAFLI.

2. LEE SUGGESTED THAT BEFORE AFL-CIO COULD CONCUR IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AFL-CIO WOULD DESIRE TO ENTERTAIN AN IRANIAN TRADE UNION DELEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES. AFL-
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CIO WOULD PROGRAM SUCH A DELEGATION AND MAKE CONTACTS

BROADLY THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES TO IMBUE DELEGATION WITH CONCEPTS OF FREE TRADE UNIONISM AND TO DETERMINE AT SAME TIME BONA FIDES OF SUCH IRANIAN TRADE UNION LEADERS. AAFLI CONCURRED IN LEE'S SUGGESTION. RLA MET SEVERAL TRADE UNION LEADERS WHO COULD PASS MUSTER IN IRAN NOVIN PARTY'S WORKER ORGANIZATION; THEY WERE ALSO MEMBERS OF MAJLIS.

3. IF POST DEEMS IT ADVISABLE AND APPROPRIATE, IT MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THE PROSPECT OF SENDING A BONA FIDE IRANIAN TRADE UNION TEAM TO THE UNITED STATES WITH THE HEAD OF THE IRAN NOVIN PARTY'S WORKER'S ORGANIZATION AND/OR THE MINISTER OF LABOR. IF EMBASSY CONCURS THIS APPROACH, IT SHOULD MAKE CLEAR IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH IRANIANS THAT TRIP WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID FOR BY IRANIANS AND THAT ANY DECISION REGARDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE SUBSEQUENT TO THAT TRIP. ADVISE. MAW

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